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AMTRAK CLAIMS OFFICE
NEW YORK, NY

KATHLEEN PREVAS KNOWLES,

Plaintiff,

vs.

**AMTRAK; NATIONAL RAILROAD
PASSENGER CORPORATION trading
as AMTRAK; and ABC
CORPORATION 1-5 (fictitious entities),**

Defendants.

**SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
LAW DIVISION – MONMOUTH COUNTY**

Docket No: MON-L-004084-24

CIVIL ACTION

SUMMONS

From the State of New Jersey to the Defendant named above:

National Railroad Passenger Corporation t/a Amtrak

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s/ Michelle M. Smith
MICHELLE M. SMITH
Clerk of the Superior Court

Dated: December 4, 2024

Name of Defendant to be served: National Railroad Passenger Corporation t/a Amtrak

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TRACK ASSIGNMENT NOTICE

COURT TELEPHONE NO. (732) 358-8700
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DATE: DECEMBER 03, 2024
RE: PREVAS-KNOWLES KATHLEEN VS AMTRAK
DOCKET: MON L -004084 24

THE ABOVE CASE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO: TRACK 2.

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FROM SERVICE ON THE FIRST DEFENDANT, WHICHEVER COMES FIRST.

THE PRETRIAL JUDGE ASSIGNED IS: HON DAVID A. NITTI

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PLAINTIFF MUST SERVE COPIES OF THIS FORM ON ALL OTHER PARTIES IN ACCORDANCE
WITH R.4:5A-2.

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FIRST COUNT

1. On or about the 3rd day of December, 2022, the Defendants, Amtrak and

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National Railroad Passenger Corp. t/a Amtrak did own, operate, occupy, control, manage and/or maintain a commercial rail transportation enterprise known as Amtrak, open to the public, and doing business at the Metropark Train Station located in the Township of Edison, County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey.

2. At all times relevant hereto, the defendants, ABC Corp. 1-5 (fictitious entities) are fictitious names for potential Defendants who may be responsible for the management, operation, control and or maintenance of the train cars being operated by the Defendants, Amtrak and National Railroad Passenger Corp. t/a Amtrak. The identities of these fictitious entities are presently unknown but will be added when ascertained.

3. At all times relevant hereto, it was the duty of the Defendants as those responsible for the ownership, operation, occupancy, control, management and or maintenance of Amtrak train cars to properly inspect, operate, control, manage and maintain said train cars in a reasonably safe condition and to make adequate provision for the maintenance of said train cars and to properly and in conformity with contractual and industry standards remove and correct accumulation of water and other defects within their train cars; to inspect for and guard against conditions within the subject train cars which might pose a danger or hazard to persons lawfully thereon; to take reasonable measures to ensure that the train cars under their control were safe for persons lawfully thereon, such as the Plaintiff herein; and to adequately warn the Plaintiff of any dangerous or unsafe conditions that they created, knew or should have known about.

4. Despite their duties as aforesaid, the Defendants, one or more or all of

them, did carelessly, recklessly and negligently fail to properly operate, inspect, control, manage and maintain the train cars under their control and did fail to adequately make provision for correcting accumulations of water and other defects within said train cars; did fail to properly remove and or correct any dangerous conditions which existed within their train cars and did fail to properly warn the Plaintiff and others as to the dangerous condition of their property.

5. On or about December 3rd, 2022, the Plaintiff, Kathleen Prevas Knowles, was a business invitee and customer of the Defendants and was lawfully present and attempting to board a train car under control of the Defendants. Plaintiff did conduct herself in a safe, prudent and proper manner at all times relevant thereto..

6. At the foresaid time and place, the Plaintiff, Kathleen Prevas Knowles, was caused to slip and fall to the ground due to an accumulation of water within the train car under the control of the Defendants as aforesaid.

7. As a direct and proximate result of the carelessness, recklessness and negligence of the Defendants aforesaid, the Plaintiff was caused to sustain severe internal and external injuries; was caused to sustain severe mental pain and suffering and will in the future be caused further mental pain and suffering; was caused to sustain permanent injuries; was caused to spend substantial sums of money for treatment of her injuries; and was caused to sustain other great losses.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Kathleen Prevas Knowles, demands judgment against the Defendants for damages together with interest and costs of suit.

DESIGNATION OF TRIAL COUNSEL

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Please take notice that pursuant to R.4:25-4, Edward J. Ahearn, Esquire of Ansell Grimm & Aaron, P.C., is hereby designated as trial counsel in the within matter.

JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury in the above-entitled cause of action.

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO RULE 1:38-7(c)

I hereby certify that confidential personal identifiers have been redacted from documents now submitted to the Court, and will be redacted from all documents submitted in the future in accordance with Rule 1:38-7(c).

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO RULE 4:5-1

Pursuant to R.4:5-1, the matter in controversy is not the subject of any other action pending in any Court or arbitration proceedings, and Plaintiff does not contemplate any other action or arbitration proceedings.

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Attorneys for Plaintiffs

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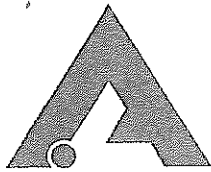
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Dated: December 3, 2024

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**RE: Kathleen Prevas Knowles v. National Railroad Passenger Corporation Amtrak,
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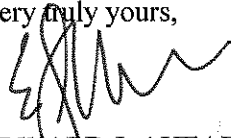
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Please turn this letter over to your insurance company immediately so that your interests are protected.

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,


EDWARD J. AHEARN
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Civil Case Information Statement

Case Details: MONMOUTH | Civil Part Docket# L-004084-24

Case Caption: PREVAS-KNOWLES KATHLEEN VS
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Case Initiation Date: 12/03/2024

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Name of Party: PLAINTIFF : Prevas-Knowles, Kathleen

Name of Defendant's Primary Insurance Company
(if known): None

Case Type: PERSONAL INJURY

Document Type: Complaint with Jury Demand

Jury Demand: YES - 6 JURORS

Is this a professional malpractice case? NO

Related cases pending: NO

If yes, list docket numbers:

Do you anticipate adding any parties (arising out of same transaction or occurrence)? NO

Does this case involve claims related to COVID-19? NO

Are sexual abuse claims alleged by: Kathleen Prevas-Knowles?
NO

THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ON THIS FORM CANNOT BE INTRODUCED INTO EVIDENCE
CASE CHARACTERISTICS FOR PURPOSES OF DETERMINING IF CASE IS APPROPRIATE FOR MEDIATION

Do parties have a current, past, or recurrent relationship? NO

If yes, is that relationship:

Does the statute governing this case provide for payment of fees by the losing party? NO

Use this space to alert the court to any special case characteristics that may warrant individual management or accelerated disposition:

Do you or your client need any disability accommodations? NO

If yes, please identify the requested accommodation:

Will an interpreter be needed? NO

If yes, for what language:

Please check off each applicable category: Putative Class Action? NO Title 59? NO Consumer Fraud? NO
Medical Debt Claim? NO

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12/03/2024
Dated

/s/ EDWARD J AHEARN
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